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ENGLISH v. JERSEY MONEY.

A Jersey correspondent writes to the *Globe*:

"For some years past numerous attempts have been made in the island of Jersey to abolish the local currency and to substitute for it the English. All attempts, however, have hitherto met with much opposition that the anomaly having English and Jersey currency running side by side could not be put down. The fact of gaining halfpenny on every sixpence (the English sixpence being equal to thirteen Jersey halfpence) was too great an apparent advantage to be readily foregone. Most of the shopkeepers dealt for "Jersey Currency," and the recurring reduction of one penny that was returned out of every English shilling caused the public to cleave to the old-fashioned currency, which was a continual source of confusion and annoyance to strangers and visitors. Many shopkeepers at length determined to take the remedy into their own hands, and the commencement of the year most of the drapers resolved to mark all their goods in "British" money. The St. Helier and St. Aubin Railway Company have resolved upon a bold attempt to aid the circulation of English copper money to the exclusion of the insular currency, they commenced yesterday to refuse taking or giving Jersey coppers at any other stations, and as the supply of English coppers is very small the public are alleged to fall into their plan. They have furnished each station with a supply of English coppers, which is given in change, the traveling public thus being compelled to endure the loss of penny to the shilling.